



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

60th ANNIVERSARY OF YOUTH FOR UNDERSTANDING USA

WHEREAS, Youth for Understanding USA is a nonprofit, international education organization working to prepare young people for their responsibilities and opportunities in a changing, interdependent world; and

WHEREAS, Youth for Understanding was originally founded in the aftermath of World War II when the United States Government welcomed 75 German teenagers to live with volunteer American host families for one year; and

WHEREAS, the Youth for Understanding network has grown to include organizations in 60 nations and, as of this year, has exchanged 250,000 teenagers around the globe; and

WHEREAS, numerous Youth for Understanding students hail from Rhode Island and many area families have opened their homes and hearts to host teenagers from other countries; and

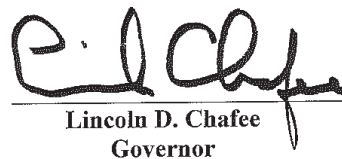
WHEREAS, Youth for Understanding exchanges provide a unique opportunity for students to learn new perspectives, cultures, and languages; and

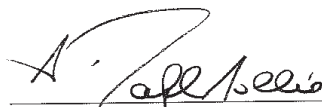
WHEREAS, the exchanges facilitated by Youth for Understanding form a foundation for international friendship, investment, trade and most importantly, a body of globally educated and aware citizens; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, **Lincoln D. Chafee**, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim April 8, 2011, the 60th Anniversary of Youth For Understanding USA.



Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 8th day of April, 2011


Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor


A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State